GOLDIE, Captain William : ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, CLINICAL MEDICINE, November 1918 - June 1919

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November 16th, 1918

Captain William Coldie,

No. 4 Canadian General Hospital,

Basingstoke, England.

My dear Captain Coldie:

Yesterday afternoon Dr. Watson and I had an interview with Sir John and Lady Eaton with regard to the appointments for the medicine and pediatrics positions. We had a very pleasant talk and fortunately we had independently come to the same conclusion as to procedure. I read portions of your letter to me and also the two letters of Professor Leathes. From your own letter and from what you had told Sir John we felt that you had ruled yourself out of consideration with regard to the matter, otherwise I know that the feeling would be that you should have the chief place in directing the new scheme. That, however, being out of the question, it was unanimously felt that the place should be offered to Duncan Graham. Sir John and Lady Eaton had made inquiries of their own, and were convinced that he was the man. Dr. Watson spoke as strongly as any one, and he came to his opinion independently. Your own and Professor Leathes' opinion of course carried the utmost weight. Nothing was said about the salary that should be offered to Graham. In accordance with the terms of the bequest this will be decided later by the Committee but of course it will be a handsome salary.

I am not writing Graham formally until we have a meeting of the Board, but will you talk to him about it; find his

views and try to persuade him to accept. You may say that we shall endeavour also to secure in the Hospital such an arrangement that he will have full control of all material that he needs for teaching purposes. Very probably we shall be able to secure a change in the matter of services and have them under the direction of one man. At least we shall attempt to secure this.

I think that if Graham is willing to undertake this work he should come out soon. If possible, early in the year. Presumably you could take his place in Basingstoke until the Hospital is called home. I should imagine that No. 4 Canadian Hospital at Basingstoke will be among the earliest to get away as there are so many menfrom the university staff who will be required for service for the beginning of next session. Now that the fighting is over you will not have nearly as heavy work in the Hospital as formerly.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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My dear Sir Robert Falconer:

It has been a great pleasure to me to know that you have determined to carry out the principle involved in such a radical move, and also that in doing so that you have selected Graham. The approval with which his name is received by so many of those who are interested would go to prove that the general scheme is likely to proceed without any serious hitch.

I have discussed the proposal with Graham, but he would only do so after a statement from me of the reasons that prevented me considering the position. I am sure he would accept the position with all its responsibilities if he were given a free hand with the staff - such as would be equivalent of the resignation of all members of the Department. I must not take upon myself an expression of all his views on the subject, for fear that I charge them too much with the colour of my own. But of this I am sure, he will gladly co-operate with the Committee and yourself in working out the general policies and the expenditures.

Providing that you come to an understanding with him, he thinks that many of the preliminaries could be settled and the way made easy by the Committee before his return. Such action of course in harmony with the general scheme, his views and those you will bring forward.

This would necessitate in his opinion my immediate recall and his soon after. I think he intends to write the Dean on this point.

He greatly appreciates the advocacy of Dr Watson and especially is encouraged by the support of Prof Leathes of the principle and of his name.

At present I am laid up with dysentery or I would write more fully, but I assume you that he is in agreement with all the ideals and principles.

Yours sincerely
Wm Colder.

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December 30th, 1918

Captain William Goldie,

No. 4 Canadian General Hospital (University of Toronto)

Basingstoke, England.

My dear Captain Goldie:

I have just written to General Sotheringham urging upon him to have you recalled at the earliest possible moment. I am glad to know from your letter that Drummond looks favourably upon the proposal, and I am going to write him in a few days. It is almost essential that we should have you here before he comes, in order that we may get the final arrangements made as soon as possible. He should have all our plans adjusted so as to put them into action not later than the end of January, if it is at all possible. I hope that you are keeping better and that we shall soon see you back.

I do not know whether I told you in the last letter that the way in which the money has been given is now different from the first plan. It is to be $25,000 a year for twenty years. You will be glad to know also that Sir John Eaton has accepted the position as Governor of the University so he will have a direct say in the policies that will be connected with the carrying out of his purposes.

With best wishes for the New Year,

I am, Yours sincerely,

President.

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January 18th, 1919

Captain William Goldie,

No. 4 Canadian General Hospital,

Basingstoke, England.

My dear Dr. Goldie:

I got word a few days ago from Ottawa that they have forwarded my request for your release and I hope that now you will make application on the basis of it to the Director-General in London and get back as soon as possible.

Steps will be taken at the next meeting of the Legislature to have a change made in the hospital Act so that if the Trustees decide to do so they will have the power to appoint one to have charge of the Medical Services in the Toronto General Hospital. I am going to write to Graham shortly, but before making definite arrangements I should like to have a talk with you and our Committee in Toronto.

I hope that you are free the trouble of the dysentery and that you will come home before long well and strong. With kind regards,

I am, Yours sincerely,

President.

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86 College Street
Toronto.

3rd June, 1919.

Professor Duncan Graham,
Pathological Building,
General Hospital,
Toronto.

Dear Sir,

I wish to tender my resignation as Associate Professor in Clinical Medicine, which you will please pass on to the President of the University.

I take this step because I do not believe in the principle of having Associate Professors in Clinical Medicine, and also, to give you a free hand, so that all the positions in the Medical Department will be made upon your direct recommendation, thus ensuring uniform control.

Yours sincerely,

Wm Goldie.